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JAMES H. DEMPSEY, JR. ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE CLEVELAND MUSEUM OF ART

James H. Dempsey, Jr. has been elected President of The Cleveland Museum of Art effective December 18, 1980. Mr. Dempsey succeeds Lewis C. Williams, who had been President for the past nine years and will continue as a trustee and member of the Executive Committee. Other officers named at the Museum's annual meeting were Daniel Jeremy Silver and Paul J. Vignos, Jr., both reelected vice presidents; Alton W. Whitehouse, Jr., elected treasurer and Finance Committee chairman; Sherman E. Lee, reelected secretary; Albert G. Grossman, reappointed assistant treasurer; and William S. Talbot, appointed assistant secretary.

Mr. Dempsey has been a trustee of the Museum since 1964, a member of the Executive Committee for more than a decade and first vice president of the Museum since 1972. A partner in the law firm Squires, Sanders & Dempsey, Mr. Dempsey has served on numerous boards in the greater Cleveland area. He and his wife Julia live in the Cleveland suburb of Chagrin Falls Township.

Mr. Whitehouse succeeds A. Dean Perry as treasurer and chairman of the Finance Committee. Mr. Perry will continue as a trustee. A trustee of the Museum for five years, Mr. Whitehouse has served on the Finance Committee and the Education Committee. He is chairman of the board and chief executive officer of The Standard Oil Co. of Ohio (SOHIO). Mr. Whitehouse and his wife Helen live in a Cleveland suburb.

Dr. Talbot, who will become assistant director for administration of The Cleveland Museum of Art on January 1, 1981, has been appointed assistant secretary of the Museum to succeed A. Beverly Barksdale, who retires as the Museum's general manager on December 31, 1980.